



MEDIA ALERT

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Downtown for the Holidays This Weekend

SOUTH BEND, Indiana – The 19th Annual “Downtown for the Holidays” events, sponsored by the **South Bend Parks & Recreation Department**, take place this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 7-9.

Event: **Tree City Lighting**, Jon Hunt Plaza (in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center), Friday Dec. 7th, 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.; lighting of the city Christmas tree by Santa, caroling by the children of Starz Academy. The winners of the holiday greeting card contest will also be recognized. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Event: **Breakfast with Santa**, Newman Center (near Farmer’s Market), Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.; breakfast will be served, then visit with Santa and enjoy free face painting, balloon art and entertainment by Jetta and the Jellybeans.

Event: **Tea with Santa**, Erskine Park Clubhouse, Saturday afternoon, a light lunch with Santa with two seatings beginning 12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m.

Event: **Skate with Santa**, Howard Park Ice Rink, Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; cookies and hot chocolate will be available and Santa will be there for visits with the children

These events are sponsored by the South Bend Parks & Recreation Department, Morris Performing Arts Center, Gordon’s Food Service, the Knights of Columbus #553, Chickory Café, and Frick’s Dairy Queen.

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